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SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கவர்ன்மெண்ட் பிரசில் ' **overtime** ' வேலை செய்வதால் வெளியேயுள்ள ஆட்களுக்கு வேலையில்லாமல் போவது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அது மாத்திரமல்லாமல் அங்கே **overtime** வேலை செய்வதாக சொல்லிக் கொண்டு, வேலை செய்வதைப் போல பாசாங்கு செய்துகொண்டு காலதாமதம் செய்வது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ? அதைத் திருத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" As the workers in the Government Press are given overtime work, the private presses were not given any work. It is only to discourage giving work to private presses that overtime wages are given to the workers of the Government Press. If the labour outside is to be encouraged by giving work to private presses, then naturally the workers employed in the Government Press will not get these additional wages. The Controller of Stationery and Printing has reported in this connection that 'It is the overtime work that makes the labour in the Government Press stick to the Press and attend regularly and if the scope for overtime is reduced, the basic wages may be unattractive and may possibly lead to the labour leaving the Press and seeking work in private presses.' This is the remark of the Controller in the matter."

(Some hon. Members were seen rising in their seats to put supplementary questions.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" The same subject has come before the House on a previous occasion in connection with a question relating to lead poisoning or some such thing and I think I allowed 10 minutes for that question. So I now pass on to the next question."

Development of the fishing centre in Malpe in South Kanara district.

* 774 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) which is the biggest fishing centre in the Madras State; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposals to develop it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Malpe in South Kanara district is the biggest fishing centre in the Madras State.

" (*b*) The following measures have been undertaken to develop the fishing industry of this place :—

(i) the largest fish-curing yard in this State is maintained in this place;

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(iii) demonstrations in the use of mechanized boats for deep sea fishing are conducted here to popularize these boats;

(iv) a demonstration factory for the conversion of fish waste into fish manure is working here;

(v) the fishermen of Malpe will be afforded facilities to transport their catches for processing and for being kept in cold store in the ice plant which is under erection at Mangalore; and

(vi) other development measures and concessions like supply of salt at subsidised price to fish-curing yards are extended to Malpe also.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' Sir, may I know whether persons belonging to the fisherman community are given preference in the matter of employment in the fishing industry or whether it is open to all communities? '' 8-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, preferences are given subject to their having the necessary qualifications.''

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—'' Sir, I think that we still continue to be the largest State with the longest sea coast and particularly Malpe is the biggest fishing centre. May I request the State Government to urge upon the Union Government to start an Institute of Fisheries Technology and Oceanography at Malpe? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I would suggest to the hon. Member to discuss it with me first so that I may take it up.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Sir, are there facilities affording cold storage for transport of fish from one place to another? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Yes, Sir.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—''S ir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I know what the requisite qualifications are for anybody to be employed in this fishig industry? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, the qualifications relate to particular posts that are to be filled up.''

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—'' மீன் பிடிப்பதற்கு கட்டு மரம் வேண்டுமென்று தென்னுற்காடு ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து குறிப்பாக கடலூரி லிருந்து பர்மிட்] கேட்டால் அதைக் கொடுக்காததற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் காரணம் கூறுவாரா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, wood for catamarans is imported from Ceylon and licences have been issued to certain people. Representations were received some time back that necessary wood was not easily available and therefore Government have looked into the question and have been giving licences to a few more persons.''

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the progress made in fishing by trawlers, Sir, and is it remunerative to Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Sir, as fishing is a large and important industry, will the Hon. Minister consider the feasibility of instituting an enquiry into the living conditions and the conditions of work of the fishermen immediately? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this is a large question. I would like the Government to look into the question of improving the industry, before even looking into the general question of improving the conditions of fishermen."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether fishes are supplied to wells in village parts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is a separate question and that has been taken up."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will Government while improving the conditions of fishing, think of improving the conditions of fishermen also who are hopelessly in debt? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is therefore, Sir, that Fisheries Co-operative Societies are being encouraged."

Status and functions of the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 775 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the powers and functions of the Director of Harijan Welfare; and

(*b*) whether he is exercising the powers of head of a department in matters relating to Harijan Welfare and in supervising the Harijan Welfare work carried out by the District Collectors?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Director of Harijan Welfare is the Head of the Harijan Welfare Department and exercises all the powers delegated to him as Head of the Department. He attends to the work of welfare among Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. He co-ordinates the work of the Collectors who are directly in charge of the work in the districts except in Madras City where the Director himself is in charge of the work. The question of defining the powers of the Director of Harijan Welfare *vis-a-vis* the Collectors in regard to supervisory control over the staff doing Harijan Welfare work is under the consideration of the Government."